1. मार्च, 1992 में राष्ट्रीय अनुसूचित जाति तथा अनुसूचित जनजाति आयोग नामक एक सांविधिक निकाय की स्थापना की गई है जिसका मुख्य कार्य अनुसूचित जाति तथा अनुसूचित जनजाति को दिए जाने वाले सुरक्षा उपायों से संबंधित सभी मामलों की जांच और मॉनीटर करना है, अनुसूचित जाति तथा अनुसूचित जनजाति के समाजार्थिक विकास प्रक्रिया निर्माण में सलाह देना है ताकि अनुसूचित जाति तथा अनुसूचित जनजाति के संरक्षण, कल्याण विकास और प्रगति से संबंधित अन्य क्रियाकलापों का निष्पादन हो।

2. अनुसूचित जाति तथा अनुसूचित जनजाति के प्रति न्याय से संबंधित 20 सूत्री कार्यक्रम के सूत्र–11 के कार्यान्वियन की मॉनीटरिंग करने के लिए कल्याण मंत्रालय में मॉनीटरिंग कक्ष कार्य कर रहे हैं।

3. प्रमुख योजनाओं के कार्यान्वियन पर मंत्रिमण्डल सचिवालय को मासिक प्रगति रिपोर्ट भेजी जाती है।

4. राज्य सरकारों/संघ राज्य प्रशासनों को निधि निर्मुक्त करते समय योजना के कार्यान्वियन की गहन समीक्षा की जाती है।

5. विशेष संघटक योजना तथा आदिवासी उप योजना के अधीन योजनाओं के कार्यान्वियन की विस्तृत समीक्षा राज्यों तथा संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों से संबंधित क्षेत्रीय प्रधानों के साथ उस समय की जाती है जब वार्षिक विशेष संघटक योजना तथा आदिवासी उप योजना की योजनाओं और परिव्यय को अंतिम रूप दिया जाता है।

6. योजनाओं का मूल्यांकन ख्यातिप्राप्त गैर-सरकारी संगठनों, विश्वविद्यालयों तथा अन्य निकायों के माध्यम से विशेष अध्ययन कराकर किया जाता है।

7. कल्याण के प्रभारी राज्यों के मंत्रियों/सचिवों की आवधिक बैठकें भी आयोजित की जाती हैं।

देश में जातिवाद

3581. **मौलाना ओबैदुल्ला खान आजमी :** क्या कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश के अनेक भागों में जातिवाद खतरनाक रूप से पनप रहा है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार द्वारा इस संबंध में क्या कार्य वाही की जा रही है ?

कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के० वी० तंग्कावालू) : (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Rehabilitation of Street Children in Mumbai

3582. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government is aware that the coordination Committee of the National Conference on street children held a meeting for street children in Mumbai;

(b) whether Government have received any recommendation from the Committee for rehabilitation of these children; and

(c) whether Government would institute enquiries against persons involved in atrocities made on these children ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Relaxation in UPSC/SSC Examinations

3583. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to give age relaxation to the threshold candidates of other Backward Classes for various competitive examinations of UPSC and SSC and also for the recrutment in Public Sector Undertakings and Nationalised Banks;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which this is to be implemented;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the names of the State Governments which are giving age relaxation to OBC candidates?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU): (a) No decision has so far been taken to extend age relaxation to the Other Backward Classes in respect of recruitment of Civil Services and Posts under the Government of India.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) A view on extending age relaxation to OBCs may be taken keeping in view the need and justification for doing so on the basis of the progress of implementation of reservation.

(d) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Living Conditions of Tribals

3584. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report captioned "Starvation deaths in Kerala" which appeared in the Hindustan Times dated 28th January, 1994;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any inquiry in to the matter and the living conditions of the tribals in this area; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI K. V THANGKA BALU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) On the basis of the report which appeared in the newspaper, the Kerala State Government was asked for their comments and a factual report.

As per the report obtained from the Kerala State Govt., no starvation deaths of Tribals took place in Noolpuzha Panchayat of Wayanad District. Four Tribals died in Noolpuzha Panchayat since August, 1993. Of these, Raju (18 Years) died on account of TB; Mani (20 Years) died on account of Jaundice; Gopan (26 Years) died due to severe virus fever and Mukki (75 Years) died of Old Age. The State Govt. has reported that a health survey of the Tribals settlements in Wayanad District was conducted, and out of 2605 persons surveyed, 210 persons were found to be afflicted by TB, 400 were found to have sickle cell anaemia. The State Government has already taken action to treat these patients. In addition, the TB patients are being given eggs, milk powder from 25-1-1994 for improving their health. The families of the TB patients as also certain other deserving families are given free ration. The State Government has taken steps to grant TB pension to all the 210 patients. 31 patients are reported to have already been given pension with arrears from June, 1993. The State Government also has prepared an action plan for the development of Tribal settlements and providing employment. Under the Employment Assurance Programme, 120 ST settlements have been selected in 24 Panchayats and 107 families have already been given employment under the scheme.

Mentally Retarded Persons in Delhi

3585. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of mentally retarded persons in Delhi is estimated to be 2.6 lakhs and there are nearly one lakh mentally retarded children below the age of fourteen in the city; and

(b) if so, the number of schools/vocational centres in Delhi for this vulnerable